IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AKRAM ALI SALMAN XUEJUN ZHAO KURT O. TAYLOR STEPHEN G. BEEBE

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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE RELIABILITY OF DIELECTRIC

LAYERS

Examiner: Laura M. Schillinger

Group Art Unit: 2813

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Customer No.: 23720

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 29, 2005

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, for which the three-month date for response is March 29, 2006.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the present paper. However, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Director is authorized to deduct such fees from the Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/H2022.¹

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

¹ In the event the monies in that account are insufficient, the Director is authorized to withdraw funds from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.111200.